

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT
COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF
MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION**

In Re: AUTOMOTIVE PARTS
ANTITRUST LITIGATION

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: Master File No. 12-md-02311
: Hon. Marianne O. Battani
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IN RE: ALTERNATORS
IN RE: STARTERS
IN RE: IGNITION COILS
IN RE: MOTOR GENERATORS
IN RE: INVERTERS
IN RE: AIR FLOW METERS
IN RE: FUEL INJECTION SYSTEMS
IN RE: VALVE TIMING CONTROL DEVICES
IN RE: ELECTRONIC THROTTLE BODIES

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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

END-PAYOR ACTIONS

**FINAL JUDGMENT APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN END-
PAYOR PLAINTIFFS AND HITACHI AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS, LTD. AND
ENTERING DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE AS TO HITACHI AUTOMOTIVE
SYSTEMS, LTD., HITACHI AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS
AMERICAS, INC. AND HITACHI, LTD.**

This matter has come before the Court to determine whether there is any cause why this Court should not approve the settlement between End-Payor Plaintiffs (“Plaintiffs”) and Defendant Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ltd. (“HIAMS”) set forth in the Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”), dated March 26, 2015, relating to the above-captioned actions (the “Actions”). The Court, after carefully considering all papers filed and proceedings held herein and otherwise being fully informed in the premises, has determined (1) that the settlement should be approved, and (2) that there is no just reason for delay of the entry of this final judgment (“Final Judgment”) approving the Agreement. Accordingly, the Court directs entry of this Final Judgment which shall constitute a final adjudication of the Actions on the merits as to the parties to the Agreement. Good cause appearing therefor, it is:

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. The definitions of terms set forth in the Agreement are incorporated herein as though fully set forth in this Final Judgment.

2. Pursuant to Rule 23(g), Class Counsel, previously appointed by the Court (Cotchett, Pitre, & McCarthy LLP, Robins Kaplan LLP, and Susman Godfrey L.L.P.), are appointed as Counsel for the Alternators Settlement Class, Starters Settlement Class, Ignition Coils Settlement Class, Motor Generators Settlement Class, Inverters Settlement Class, Fuel Injection Systems Settlement Class, Valve Timing Control Devices Settlement Class, Air Flow Meters Settlement Class and Electronic Throttle Bodies Settlement Class (collectively, “Settlement Classes”). These firms have, and will, fairly and competently represent the interests of the Settlement Classes.

3. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Actions, over the equitable non-monetary relief contained in paragraph 4, over all actions within this Action, and over the parties to the Agreement, including all members of the Settlement Classes, for purposes of approving the settlements.

4. Plaintiffs, having filed complaints in the Actions alleging that HIAMS conspired to rig bids, allocate markets and fix prices for Alternators, Starters, Ignition Coils, Motor Generators, Inverters, Fuel Injection Systems, Valve Timing Control Devices, Air Flow Meters and Electronic Throttle Bodies, and HIAMS, having denied Plaintiffs’ allegations and represented it would assert defenses thereto, have entered into the Agreement to settle the Actions to avoid further expense, inconvenience, and the distraction of burdensome and protracted litigation, to obtain the releases, orders, and judgment contemplated by the Agreement, and to put to rest with finality all claims that have been or could have been asserted against HIAMS with respect to Alternators, Starters, Ignition Coils, Motor Generators, Inverters, Fuel Injection Systems, Valve Timing Control Devices, Air

Flow Meters, Electronic Throttle Bodies, Automotive Transmission Control Units, Automotive Engine Control Units and Automotive Sensors (collectively the “Released Parts” as defined in Paragraph 11 of the Agreement).

5. HIAMS has agreed for a period of 24 months from the date of the entry of this Final Judgment not to engage in conduct that constitutes a *per se* violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act (whether characterized as price fixing, market allocation, bid rigging, or otherwise) with respect to the sale of any Alternators, Starters, Ignition Coils, Motor Generators, Inverters, Fuel Injection Systems, Valve Timing Control Devices, Air Flow Meters and Electronic Throttle Bodies , and pursuant to the Agreement, HIAMS has agreed to provide specified monetary compensation to Plaintiffs, and to cooperate with Plaintiffs in connection with the continued prosecution of the Actions.

6. The Court hereby finally approves and confirms the settlement set forth in the Agreement and finds that said settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Classes pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure (“Rule”) 23.

7. The Court hereby dismisses on the merits and with prejudice the individual and class claims asserted against HIAMS, Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas, Inc. and Hitachi, Ltd. (collectively, the “HIAMS Defendants”) with Plaintiffs and the HIAMS Defendants each to bear their own costs and attorneys’ fees except as provided herein.

8. All persons and entities who are Releasers (as defined in Paragraph 13 of the Agreement) are hereby barred and enjoined from commencing, prosecuting, or continuing, either directly or indirectly, against the HIAMS Releasees (as defined in Paragraph 12 of the Agreement), in this or any other jurisdiction, any and all claims, causes of action or lawsuits, which they had, have, or in the future may have, arising out of or related to any of the Released Claims as defined in the Agreement.

9. The HIAMS Releasees are hereby and forever released and discharged with respect to any and all claims or causes of action which the Releasors had, have, or in the future may have, arising out of or related to any of the Released Claims as defined in the Agreement.

10. Neither the Agreement, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to the Agreement, may be deemed or used as an admission of wrongdoing in any civil, criminal, administrative, or other proceeding in any jurisdiction.

11. The notice given to the Settlement Classes of the settlement set forth in the Agreement and the other matters set forth herein was the best notice practicable under the circumstances, including individual notice to all members of the Settlement Classes who could be identified through reasonable efforts. Said notice provided due and adequate notice of the proceedings and of the matters set forth therein, including the proposed settlement set forth in the Agreement, to all persons entitled to such notice, and said notice fully satisfied the requirements of Rules 23(c)(2) and 23(e) and the requirements of due process.

12. Without affecting the finality of this Final Judgment, the Court retains exclusive jurisdiction over: (a) the enforcement of this Final Judgment; (b) the enforcement of the Agreement; (c) any application for distribution of funds, attorneys' fees or reimbursement of costs and expenses made by Plaintiffs' Counsel; (d) any application for incentive awards for the End-Payor Plaintiffs; and (e) the distribution of the settlement proceeds to Settlement Classes members.

13. The persons and entities identified on Exhibit "A" hereto have timely and validly requested exclusion from the Settlement Classes and, therefore, are excluded. Such persons and entities are not included in or bound by this Judgment. Such persons and entities are not entitled to any recovery from the settlement proceeds obtained through this settlement. Nothing in this Judgment shall be construed as a determination by this Court that

such persons and entities are members of any of the classes or proposed classes in the *In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation*, Master File No. 12-md-02311.

14. In the event that the settlement does not become effective in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, then the Final Judgment shall be rendered null and void and shall be vacated, and in such event, all orders entered and releases delivered in connection herewith shall be null and void and the parties shall be returned to their respective positions *ex ante*.

15. The Escrow Accounts, into which HIAMS has deposited assets as the Settlement Amount, plus accrued interest thereon and net any expenses incurred as contemplated in paragraphs 28 and 30 of the Agreement, are approved as Qualified Settlement Funds pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 468B and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder. The Settlement Amount (\$46,740,000) is allocated as follows: Air Flow Meters: \$5,047,920; Alternators: \$6,216,420; Electronic Throttle Bodies: \$6,870,780; Fuel Injection Systems: \$8,693,640; Ignition Coils: \$7,431,660; Inverters: \$2,337,000; Motor Generators: \$2,337,000; Starters: \$3,832,680; and Valve Timing Control Devices: \$3,972,900.

16. The Court finds, pursuant to Rule 54(a) and (b), that this Final Judgment should be entered and further finds that there is no just reason for delay in the entry of this Final Judgment, as a final judgment, as to the parties to the Agreement.

17. The Court's certification of the Settlement Classes as provided herein is without prejudice to, or waiver of, the rights of any defendant, including HIAMS Defendants, to contest certification of any other class proposed in the *In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation*, Master File No. 12-md-02311. The Court's findings in this Final Judgment shall have no effect on the Court's ruling on any motion to certify any class in the *In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation*, Master File No. 12-md-02311. No party may cite or refer to the

Court's approval of the Settlement Classes as persuasive or binding authority with respect to any motion to certify any class.

SO ORDERED.

Date: August 12, 2016

s/Marianne O. Battani
MARIANNE O. BATTANI
United States District Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing Order was served upon counsel of record via the Court's ECF System to their respective email addresses or First Class U.S. mail to the non-ECF participants on August 12, 2016.

s/ Kay Doaks
Case Manager

Exhibit A

- Cecil R. Proctor
- Robert Clarke
- Mary Glenn
- GEICO Corporation, Government Employees Insurance Company, GEICO General Insurance Company, GEICO Indemnity Company, GEICO Casualty Company, GEICO Advantage Insurance Company, GEICO Choice Insurance Company, GEICO Secure Insurance Company, GEICO County Mutual Insurance Company, and GEICO Insurance Agency, Inc.